

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has become second in the world, by surpassing USA, in the production of cotton in 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India is on its way to maintain its second position in cotton production in the world during 2007;
- (d) the extent to which the Bt. Cotton seeds have contributed in this regard;
- (e) whether cotton production has increased by 65% since 2003; and
- (f) if so, the details of cotton production during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): As per the Report of 'World Agricultural Production' for November 2007, the production of cotton in the top three cotton producing countries for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is as presented in the table below:

(Million Bales)			
Country	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Projected)
China	29.50	35.50	35.50
India	19.05	21.80	23.50
USA	23.89	21.59	18.86

Note: Production in Million Bales of 480 pounds or 217.73 kg each

Source: 'World Agricultural Production' (Nov. 2007) brought out by the United States Department of Agriculture and accessed on the website on 22.11.2007.

Production of cotton in India was marginally more than that in USA in 2006-07 and the production in 2007-08 is projected to be significantly higher than USA.

(d): The area under Bt. Cotton was 34.67 lakh hectares, which is 38% of the total area under cotton cultivation in 2006-07 in the country.

(e) & (f): The cotton production in India has increased by about 67% since 2003-04 from 13.73 million bales to 22.94 million bales in 2007-08. The State-wise details of production during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given below:

('000 Bales of 170 kg each)			
State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Andhra Pradesh	2108.0	2127.0	2097.0
Assam	0.6	1.0	1.0
Chhattisgarh	0.4	0.0	0.0
Gujarat	6772.0	8787.0	9000.0
Haryana	1499.0	1814.0	1912.0
Karnataka	554.0	440.0	258.0
Kerala	3.5	2.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	745.1	829.0	425.0
Maharashtra	3160.0	4950.0	5805.0
Orissa	144.8	108.0	146.0

Punjab	2395.0	2678.0	2440.0
Rajasthan	880.5	747.0	763.0
Tamilnadu	213.3	174.0	82.0
Uttar Pradesh	5.2	1.0	0.0
West Bengal	6.0	23.0	0.0
Others	11.6	15.0	14.0

All-India	18499.0	22696.0	22943.0
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\$ 4th Advance Estimates released on 19.07.2007

1st Advance Estimates released on 19.09.2007

Others includes Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Pondicherry